Talks with Militant outfits in Assam

259. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHfli MAHENDRA PRASAD: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talks have been initiated with ULFA and other militant outfits in Assam after the installation of the new Government in Assam and at the Centre; and

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made in the direction and what steps have been taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister, Assam has made an offer to release ULFA detenus except those facing charges of heinous crimes. He has called upon ULFA to give up arms and come 'forward for negotiation.

Control and Command of Kashmirand Punjab Militants Training Campsby Pakistan Army

260. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANTBHANDARE:
SHRISURESHPACHOURI:
SHRIKAPILVERMA:
'KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRIMATI VEEN A VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent press reports to the effect that Pakistani Army has taken over direct control and command of Kashmir and Punjab militants training camps; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to dissuade Pakistan from such direct interference in Indias affairs by involvement in secessionists and militants activities?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Government have seen press reports to the effect that the Pakistani Army had taken direct control over training camps set up in POK for Kashmiri militants.

(b) It has been conveyed to Pakistan in clear and categorical terms that its support to terrorism is a violation » of the Simla Agreement and the internationally accepted norms of interstate conduct. We shall continue to avail our selves of every possible opportunity to drive home this point.

Militant activities in Punjab and Kashmir

261. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any marked spurt in militant activities in Punjab and Kashmir since the dissolution of the 9th Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, the comparative figures of the incidents o>f militant killings, kidnappings, extortions and robberies during the above period and the corresponding period preceding the Lok Sabha dissolution; and

(c) the steps taken to curb and prevent such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME1 AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) A statement showing the incidence of murder/ shootout/kidnappings etc. is enclosed.

(c) The situation in the two States is constantly under review. The State Governments concerned have taken adequate security and other measures to deal with the situation. Central assistance by way of deployment of para-military forces, etc. has also been extended as and when required.

Statement

Punjab

	Dec. 90	Jan. 91	Feb. 91	March 1991	April 1991	May 91	June 91
Incidence of : Murder/shootout	106	223	180	173	179	204	173
Kidnapping .	10	8	8	10	6	7	3
Extortion .	11	15	10	18	23	16	10
Other robbery ..	32	33	37	19	20	32	48

Jammu and Kashmir

	January to March 91	April to June 91
Murder/shootout	157	147
Kidnapping	66	88
Extortion	N.A.	N.A.
Other robbery	N.A.	N.A.

भारतीय दूतावासों के लिए हिन्दी पुस्तकों का खरीदा जाना

262. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभिन्न भारतीय दूतावासों के पुस्तकालयों के लिए हिन्दी पुस्तकें खरीदी जाती हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसी पुस्तकों की खरीद पर कितनी राशि खर्च की गयी और ये पुस्तकें किन-किन प्रकाशकों और वितरकों से खरीदी गयीं;

(ग) क्या इस प्रयोजन हेतु कोई चयन समिति है; यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उनमें कौन-कौन सदस्य थे और उन्होंने किन-किन पुस्तकों को खरीदने हेतु सिफारिश की; और

(घ) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान चयनित और खरीदी गयी पुस्तकों की सूची क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधव सिंह सोलंकी) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) से (घ) विगत तीन वर्षों में इन पुस्तकों की खरीद पर जो राशि खर्च हुई थी वह इस प्रकार है :

1988–89	6,65,753– रु.
1989–99	6,53,144– रु.
1990–91	12,58,005– रु.

इस पुस्तकों को विभिन्न भारतीय मिशनों को 88–89 में मैसर्स राजकमल प्रकाशन द्वारा तथा 89–90 तथा 90–91 में मैसर्स शारदा प्रकाशन द्वारा भेजा गया था। उन्हें यह कार्य उनके द्वारा दी गई कटौती की सर्वोत्तम दरों के आधार पर दिया गया था।

पुस्तकों की खरीद के संबंध में सिफारिशें देने के लिए 1990 में एक पुस्तक चयन समिति बनाई गई है जिसमें निम्नलिखित सदस्य हैं :